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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING SOFTWARE
TOOLS

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month to February 3, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-54 and 57-65 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17, 19-22, 26-34, 36-37, 39-43, 48, 50-54, 57, 59, 61, and 65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tidwell, II, U.S. Patent No. 5,859,637 (hereinafter "the Tidwell patent") in view of Linnett et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,301,326 (hereinafter "the